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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN VIEWS ON REFORM OF OAS

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS, PRESIDENT CALDERA IN HIS WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY REITERATED NEED FOR BRINGING ABOUT MAJOR STRUCTURAL REFORMS IN OAS. HE IS CITED AS UNDERLINING "THE USEFULNESS OF A PERMANENT LATIN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION, SAYING IT WOULD PROVIDE A FORUM FOR DIALOGUE, CREATE POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HEMISPHERE AND WORLD PEACE 'AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL THE COUNTRIES IN RELATION TO THE UNITED STATES.'"

2. ON THIS LATTER POINT, LAST NIGHT CALVANI TOLD US THAT IT WAS UNTHINKABLE FOR THE OAS TO EXCLUDE THE UNITED STATES. THE ORGANIZATION SIMPLY COULD NOT FUNCTION WITHOUT PRESENCE OF U.S. HOWEVER, THERE WAS ANOTHER ENTIRELY LATIN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION, CECLA, WHICH ALREADY EXISTED AND COULD MEET DESIRES OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHO WANTED AN INTER-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE UNITED STATES. CALVANI VOLUNTEERED THE COMMENT THAT ORIGINAL INTENT OF THEN-CHILEAN FONMIN VALDES IN CREATING ORGANIZATION AT VINA DEL MAR HAD BEEN TO TRY TO OUST U.S. FROM OAS ALTOGETHER.
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